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SUBJECT: NEXT STEPS ON FRG/BRAZIL NUCLEAR DEAL

1. DEPUTY SECRETARY COMMENDS THE EMBASSY FOR THE TRENCHANT ANALYSIS PRESENTED IN BRASILIA 2222, "U.S.-BRAZILIAN RELATIONS: RECOMMENDED NEXT STEPS". CABLE IS A VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO OUR THINKING ON HOW TO PROCEED.

2. WE ARE CONSIDERING THREE OPTIONS: FIRST OPTION WOULD BE FOR THE EMBASSY TO ENGAGE GOB OFFICIALS IN A LOW-KEY  
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DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS OF OUR DISCUSSIONS IN BONN AND GENSCHER'S VISIT HERE, LEADING TO AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE U.S. PROPOSALS. SECOND OPTION WOULD BE TO DO NOTHING FOR THE MOMENT IN THE EXPECTATION THAT CONTINUED GERMAN DELAY IN ISSUING EXPORT LICENSES FOR BLUEPRINTS AND POSSIBLE DELAY IN ARRANGING FOR THE FUELING OF THE FIRST TWO GERMAN REACTORS WILL INDUCE BRAZIL TO EXPLORE POSSIBLE ACCOMMODA-

TION WITH US. FINALLY, WE ARE CONSIDERING POSSIBILITY OF EMBASSY APPROACHING FONMIN SILVEIRA AND/OR OTHER BRAZILIAN OFFICIALS (E.G., GOLBERY) WITH THE FOLLOWING PROPOSAL:

--WE ARE STUDYING WITH GREAT CARE NUCLEAR POLICY WHITE PAPER ISSUED BY GOB AS WELL AS CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN OUR PRESIDENTS AND FOREIGN MINISTERS. TO THIS WE ARE ADDING THE RESULTS OF OUR VISIT TO BONN AND RECENT DISCUSSIONS WITH CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT AND FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER.

--WE HOPE THAT YOU ALSO ARE STUDYING THE PROPOSALS THAT WE PRESENTED TO YOU. WE BELIEVE THAT WE CAN ELABORATE ON THEM AND OTHER IDEAS IN NEAR FUTURE.

--WE BELIEVE IT IS BOTH POSSIBLE AND IMPORTANT FOR US TO BETTER UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER'S POSITIONS, AND MOVE TOWARD MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION, WITHOUT FURTHER CONFRONTATION AND WITHOUT PUBLICITY. WE SUGGEST, THEREFORE, VERY PRIVATE "NON-DISCUSSION" WHICH COULD BE HELD OUTSIDE OUR COUNTRIES AT MUTUALLY CONVENIENT LOCATION -- PERHAPS SOMEWHERE IN EUROPE OR CARIBBEAN. A FEW OFFICIALS FROM BOTH SIDES, BELOW SILVEIRA AND CHRISTOPHER LEVELS WHICH WOULD IMMEDIATELY ATTRACT ATTENTION, MIGHT BE WAY TO PROCEED.

--ON BASIS OF THIS "NON-DISCUSSION", WE COULD EVALUATE OUR POSITIONS AND HOLD FURTHER DIPLOMATIC CONTACTS, AFTER WHICH SILVEIRA AND CHRISTOPHER COULD RESUME TALKS, AS JOINTLY AGREED ON MARCH 1.

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3. AMBASSADOR WOULD MAKE ABOVE APPROACH NEXT WEEK, BEFORE APRIL 1 URENCO DECISION ON WHETHER TO DEFER PENDING FUEL CONTRACTS WITH BRAZIL, AND ATTEMPT TO SET DATE FOR "NON-DISCUSSION". IF URENCO DECIDES TO DEFER, MEETING WILL HAVE ALREADY BEEN SET AND WE WOULD HOPE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF GOB UNCERTAINTIES ABOUT BOTH FURTHER NUCLEAR SUPPLY AND CURRENT FRG RECONSIDERATION OF SENSITIVE NUCLEAR TRANSFERS. "NON-DISCUSSION" ITSELF COULD BE HELD AS EARLY AS WEEK OF APRIL 4TH.

4. WE WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY EMBASSY VIEWS ON FOREGOING ALTERNATIVES.  
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